

HOUSE BILL 1707

By Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,
relative to harassment of government employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 1, Part 5, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

(a) The state may, through the office of the attorney general, seek an injunction
against a person who commits harassment against a state employee. The injunction
may be sought in any court of competent jurisdiction having the power to grant
injunctions. This section does not authorize any cause of action unrelated to a person's
status as a state employee. This section does not authorize a court to issue an
injunction prohibiting activities that are protected by the constitutions of this state or the
United States, including, but not limited to, political speech.

(b) Notwithstanding § 50-1-502, as used in this section, "state employee" has
the same meaning as defined in § 8-42-101.

SECTION 2. The act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.